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SUBJECT: FINANCE MINISTER'S ATTENDANCE AT IMF MEETINGS
IN MEXICO CITY

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1. IN COURSE OF PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN LEADERS OF KUWAITI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DELEGATION AND SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, APRIL 21, KUWAITI AMBASSADOR JAFFAR COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT FINMIN ATEEQI WOULD ATTEND IMF INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING IN MEXICO CITY. PREVIOUSLY MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAD INDICATED ATEEQI WOULD NOT ATTEND. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASKING NAME OF SENIOR OFFICIAL ON GOK DELEGATION AND INFORM DEPARTMENT (STADIS FOR NEA/ARP) IF ATEEQI HAS CHANGED HIS MIND AND PLANS TO ATTEND.

2. RE MEETING REFERRED TO PARA ONE, SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL MET FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR WITH ABDULAZIZ AL-SAGAR, CONFIDENTIAL

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KUWAITI AMBASSADOR JAFFAR, AND ANOTHER SENIOR MEMBER OF DELEGATION. TALKS WERE VERY CORDIAL AND COVERED WIDE VARIETY OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ISSUES. AT RECEPTION FOR ENTIRE ARAB DELEGATION AT DEPARTMENT HOSTED BY UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AND U.S. ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, KUWAITI AMBASSADOR JAFFAR TOLD DEPARTMENT OFFICER THAT MEETING

WENT EXTREMELY WELL AND THAT KUWAITIS WERE PLEASED TO HAVE
HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH SENIOR ADMINISTRA-
TION OFFICIAL. TREASURY MEMCON OF MEETING WILL BE POUCHED
AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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